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Lots of couples and families are beginning to plan late 2010 and 2011 weddings. Many are juggling holiday shopping and coordinating in addition to focusing on the big day. Including kids and dogs on the Eastern Shore is almost a given. Don't panic! Kids and dogs can be a huge hit at wedding festivities. Just put a good plan in place and enjoy.

Create a strategy to ensure happy and safe kids and reduce the possibility of cake throwing at your reception! I plan by including these ideas:

- Hire a sitter or several depending on the ages and number of children. Make sure that your sitters are licensed and certified in CPR. If your venue has a pool, add a certified lifeguard to the pool area
- Set up a special 'kids safe' space and stock it with age appropriate snacks and activities
- **Fun Things For The Little Ones!**
- Tubs filled with juice boxes. Tip: pre-poke the boxes and use regular sized straws and not the skinny ones provided with the juice boxes. This will prevent the squirting!
- Construct a cupcake stand filled with adorably decorated muffins and cupcakes
- Make individual baskets filled with play dough, travel sized games, stickers, coloring books and crayons. Tip: NO markers, not even the water soluble kind, trust me on this!
- **Creative ideas for teens!**
- Create a separate lounge area.
- Include an ice cream sundae bar. Tip: include lots of imaginative toppings and avoid peanuts as many kids are allergic
- Provide an Ipad docking station, bottles of sparkling water and a few disposable cameras
- **The same principle applies to dogs at weddings. A plan in place will ensure success!**

If the dog is expected to be a part of the ceremony processional definitely include them in the rehearsal. Allow the dog time to familiarize himself with ceremony and reception areas. Let Fido sniff and poke around, he will be far more comfortable on the wedding day if he is familiar with the geography involved.

- Leash even the best behaved dogs Tip: fun wedding color coordinated leash and collars add pop to your day!
- Provide treats for rewarding good behavior
- Station lots of big bowls filled with clean cold water
- Designate a bathroom area with baggies and a trash can for clean up

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Now get out there and have a great time planning your events, parties, holidays and weddings!

xoxoxoxo Sara

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